Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) on 1st Thulam 1110.

(2) Four.

(3) Two.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—Do the Government propose to renew permission to ply the line boats through this canal?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question is under consideration.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—By what time do the Government hope to dispose of the matter in view of the great hardship caused?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A definite assurance cannot be given. We can only say, as early as possible.

Mr. K. M. Kunhi Moideen.—Have you the power to grant licenses to these boats which ply to Enammavu?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Chalakkudi river diversion.

30. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how far has the Chalakkudi river diversion scheme progressed;

(b) has the Government any idea of starting the work immediately;

(c) if so, what are the details of the programme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The riparian questions involved in the Chalakkudi diversion scheme are being gone into with the Travancore Government. For the purpose of collecting data for discussion, arrangements have been made for the joint gauging of the river flow.

(b) No.

(c) Does not arise in view of answer to (b).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did the Hon'ble Member for Engineering consult the Travancore Government in this connection as he was pleased to promise in the Standing Finance Committee that was held before the budget session?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It was not possible for me to consult the Travancore Government till now.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— Having given an assurance was nothing done in pursuance of it till now?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Only three months have elapsed. It is my intention to meet the Chief Engineer of Travancore as early as possible.

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